

REMARKS

Claims 14-20 are pending in this application.

Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3-5, and 7-13 in favor of new claims 14-20 (claims 2 and 6 were previously canceled). These changes do not introduce any new matter.

New Claims

As noted above, Applicant has added new claims 14-20, of which claims 14, 19, and 20 are independent claims. Applicant analyzed the Examiner's anticipation and obviousness rejections of the former claims based on the *Uchino et al.* ("Uchino") reference (US 2002/0008771 A1) set forth in the Final Office Action, and incorporated the results of that analysis into the drafting of independent claims 14, 19, and 20. As such, Applicant submits that each of independent claims 14, 19, and 20 defines subject matter that is neither shown nor suggested in the *Uchino* reference.

Final Office Action

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner asserted that "it is well known in the art to provide a manual mode for enabling a user to manually input information for image correction, as well as an automatic mode for enabling an imaging apparatus to perform the image correction without the need for the user to input the information." Final Office Action at page 8. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that the stated concepts are well known, and, in the event claims 14-20 are rejected on the basis of prior art, requests that a reference be cited that supports the Examiner's assertion.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 14-20, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this

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application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP040).

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Martine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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